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Website launched to keep public informed on I-80

New information hub for Rebuild Illinois cornerstone project at 180will.org

JOLIET – The Illinois Department of Transportation has launched a new website, <u>180will.org</u>, to provide the public with the latest information on the \$1.2 billion reconstruction of Interstate 80 through Will County, one of the cornerstone projects of Gov. JB Pritzker's historic, bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital program.

"Our commitment to fixing the I-80 corridor involves one of the most complex stretches of interstate in the entire country," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "The new website, Isowill.org, will provide the public with a one-stop shop to find the latest information on how the project is progressing and what they can do to successfully navigate the next several years of construction."

The website includes:

- Updates on ongoing coordination with communities to minimize construction impacts on the public.
- A project information center, featuring reports, newsletters and answers to frequently asked questions.
- Project news, maps and other information detailing the latest developments.
- Previous planning and stakeholder outreach information as well as project reports.
- Construction schedule information and timeline for each portion of the project.
- Meeting announcements and the opportunity to sign up for project news, traffic and detour alerts, and submit questions and comments.
- Photo and video galleries to view construction progress.

As one of the country's three coast-to-coast interstates, I-80 through Joliet and Will County carries approximately 80,000 vehicles a day, about 25% of which are trucks.

Advance work on I-80 started last year with a \$41.7 million project to replace the eastbound bridges over Hickory Creek, Richards Street and Rowell Avenue/Canadian National Railroad, and westbound over Richards Street, in Joliet, Rockdale and New Lenox, while widening eastbound I-80 from Gardner Street to Rowell Avenue. Once the eastbound improvements are completed later this year, similar improvements will begin in the westbound direction.